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District man found guilty of sexually abusing two girls in his care in 2001 and 2008

WASHINGTON - A Superior Court jury has found a 60-year-old District of Columbia man, Earl Williams, guilty of sexually abusing two young girls in his care in 2001 and 2008, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced today.

Williams was found guilty today of three counts of Second Degree Child Sexual Abuse with Aggravating Circumstances and one count of Enticing a Child with Aggravating Circumstances. He is scheduled to be sentenced on July 20, 2009, before the Honorable Robert I. Richter. Under the statute, the defendant faces 15 years on each count of Second Degree Child Sexual Abuse with Aggravating Circumstances and 7½ years for Enticing a Child with Aggravating Circumstances. Pursuant to the voluntary sentencing guidelines, he is facing a likely sentencing range of 30 to 108 months in prison on each of the child sexual abuse counts, and 14 to 48 months in prison on the enticing count.

The evidence at trial established that on April 13, 2008, Williams offered to babysit his 10-year-old granddaughter and 12-year-old grandson. After both children had fallen asleep in the living room of the apartment, Williams picked up his granddaughter from the living room sofa and carried her to her own bed. The young girl awoke to Williams removing her pants and climbing into bed with her wearing only his boxer shorts, a tank top and socks. Once in the bed with the young girl, Williams sexually fondled her and kissed her repeatedly on her face. At trial, the young girl testified how, when she protested what he was doing, Williams asked her, "What, I'm not your baby? You don't want me to touch you no more?" When the child continued to protest, Williams angrily left her room. The young

girl closed and locked the bedroom door, but was unable to report her grandfather's sexual abuse until the next morning, when she was able to reach her mother, who immediately returned home.

Almost 7 years earlier, Williams committed a very similar offense against the 11-year-old daughter of his then-girlfriend, who was extremely ill and suffering from cancer at the time. On June 11, 2001, Williams visited his girlfriend's home and sexually abused her young daughter on two separate occasions that evening – first, while the child was in her mother's room watching television, and again later that night, while the young girl was sleeping in her own room. On both occasions, Williams sexually fondled the young girl and kissed her inappropriately.

In announcing the jury's verdict, U.S. Attorney Taylor commended lead Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detective Barbara Johnson-Rauf and Detective-Sergeant Anthony Mable, who both did an exemplary job investigating the case and working with the victims and other witnesses. He also praised the outstanding assistance of MPD Detectives James Wilson, Robin Blyden, Darryn Robinson, Frank Santiago, Nelson Morais, Investigator Timothy Francis, and Officers Clifford Simms, Marvin Payne and David Baker. He also praised the work of Child Forensic Interviewer Karen Giannakoulis, Paralegals Jason Manuel, Lynita Greene and Cynthia Muhammad, Legal Assistants Nicole Lee and Donice Adams, Intelligence Analysts Larry Grasso, Sharon Johnson, Shannon Alexis, and Bill Hamann, Victim/Witness Assistance Unit Staff Katina Adams and LaJune Thames, and Ron Royal and Janay Jones from Litigation Services. Finally, U.S. Attorney Taylor expressed his special appreciation to Victim/Witness Advocates Veronica Vaughan and Melissa Milam who worked closely with the victims, and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Last, who investigated and prosecuted this case.

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